

Dhaka Day by Day

When Beggars are the Choosers

by Nasiruddin Ahmed

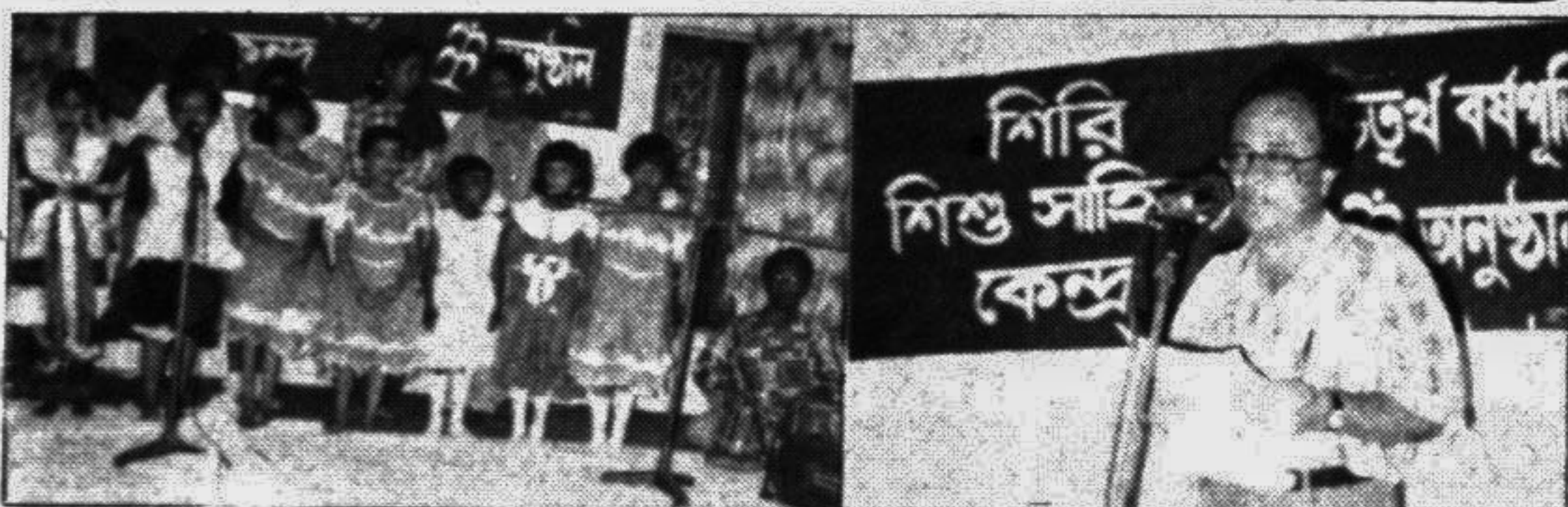
We cannot think of stepping out of our homes without being accosted by beggars. Virtually the city is infested with beggars. We admonish them to inculcate the virtue of labour, ventilate our anger. However, much bothered with beggars we are, we dole out something to them — whatever we like. And beggars, willy-nilly, have to accept it, because beggars are not the choosers.

Of late, some queer beggars appeared. Unlike usual beggars, they come suited-booted, approach very gently. You rather feel embarrassed. Greetings exchanged, they start like 'Excuse me. I am sorry to disturb you. Please give me one minute. I have come from such and such places. I most respectfully beg your pardon.' We try to be equally patient to satisfy them. He is too fastidious. Nothing appeases one such beggar, until entertained with that particular aim he is asking for. Though obsequious demonstration is taxing your patience, you can't get annoyed, rather feel convinced with the jugglery of words. Garrulity is their

forte. Like other beggars, they do not have any self-effacing posture. They vow to return your favour if they can. Apparently, it seems reciprocal. People know better who experienced such transactions before.

This hectic begging survives a short while. The beggars disappear soon enough. You can be smart to say, 'sorry I am in a rush and get rid of the pester. But you'll be persuaded until the beggar wins your heart intuitively. The saving grace is that you won't make any down payment. You can pay a beggar in cheque. As he gets what he wanted, he bids 'Allah Hafiz' — soliciting your suggestion and doa, lest you forget him on payment day.

There are so many beggars whom you'll donate beyond your means. Obviously, some beggars deserve it. But you have to go through an ordeal, before finding out a deserving beggar. The beggars fall in different categories: a few of them have the guts to refuse what you offer. At election times, some beg votes, others money. It is dangerous to say no to them.



The child artistes rendering songs at the function organised on the occasion of fourth founding anniversary of 'Shiri Shishu Sahitya Kendra' held recently in the city.

— Kendra photo

Nooruddin's gratitude

Former chief of staff of Bangladesh Army, Lt. General (retd) M. Nooruddin Khan, Tuesday expressed his deep gratitude to the people of Monohardi and Belabo under Narsingdi district for electing him to the Jatiya Sangsad, reports BSS.

In a statement, General Khan said due to his serious injuries following a road accident, he could not remain present in the constituency during the elections.

Journalists observe Repression Day today

Journalist community across the country will observe the 'Journalists Repression Day' on June 21, a Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) press release said here Tuesday, reports BSS.

On this day in 1992 the police ransacked the National Press Club and attacked the professional journalists, injuring over 100 of them, the press release said.

Although an enquiry committee was constituted on the

basis of the demand of the journalists, the then government had neither published the report nor took any action against the offenders. Since then the journalist community has been observing this day.

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will jointly hold a protest rally today at 10 am at the National Press Club premises.

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Defence Secretary M A Hakim addressing the inaugural ceremony of the SAARC seminar on 'Predictability of Monsoonal Rain and Flooding' in the city Wednesday. — ISPR photo

Hasan Hafiz — a trail blazer

Tributes were paid to late Hasan Hafiz Rahman for his outstanding contribution in poetry, short story, literary criticism, journalism and cultural movement of his time spanning three decades since early fifties, reports BSS.

Speakers at a meeting, held Wednesday on the occasion of his 64th birth anniversary, described him as a central figure in the cultural and literary movement of his time.

The meeting held at the auditorium of 'Kanchi Kanchar Mela' at Segunbagicha under the auspices of 'Hasan Hafiz Rahman Sangsad' was presided over by poet Shamsur Rahman.

Speaking on the occasion, Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, poet Syed Atiqulla, and journalist D P Barua, and poet Belal Chowdhury, in their speeches recalled Hasan's creative abilities as a poet, writer and literary critic.

Professor Siddiqui said, a major contribution of late Hasan was his editing of the documents of Liberation War in 16 volumes, besides his eminence as a poet and writer.

Syed Atiqulla said, like Zainal Abedin, a pioneer in the painting movement in early fifties, Hasan, played the same role in pioneering a new movement in the literary and cultural field during the period.

D P Barua said, Hasan has occupied a lasting place in the realm of contemporary poetry and literature through his works which reflected the social consciousness of a deeply perceptive soul.

Belal Chowdhury said, Hasan was multi-facet personality and was the pivotal force in the literary and cultural movement of his time.

In his presidential speech Shamsur Rahman said, Hasan Hafiz Rahman is a major poet of contemporary Bengali literature, equally excelling in writing literary criticism in prose. He said Hasan will be remembered for his role during the 1952 Language Movement and publication of the first-ever miscellany on the 'Ekushe'

SAARC meet on edn tomorrow

The third meeting of the SAARC technical committee on education, cultural and sports will be held at Hotel Sheraton tomorrow, reports BSS.

A H M Abdul Hye, secretary, Ministry of Education and current chairman of the committee will formally inaugurate the meeting.

The three-day meeting is jointly organised by the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) and the Ministry of Education.

It will be participated by the educationists and other experts from all SAARC countries. Important issues relating to education, sports and culture will be discussed in the meeting.

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One shot at in city

DMCH Correspondent

A video-shop owner was shot by a group of miscreants, at Haji Dewan Road in the Lalbagh area of the city Wednesday afternoon.

The victim, Ataur Rahman, 30, owner of Shahajahan Audio-Video Centre also received stab injuries in his thigh when a local gang raided his shop around 12:30 pm Wednesday. He was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). The shop was also ransacked.

JUJA apex body

By JU Correspondent

An eight-member executive committee of the Jahangirnagar University Journalists' Association (JUJA) for the year 1996-97 was elected yesterday.

Ahmed Bulbul of The Daily Independent was elected president while Gobinda Bar of The Daily Star and Masud Karim of Media Syndicate were made vice President and General Secretary respectively.

Other office-bearers are Mostafa Hassan Al Mamun (Observer) Associate GS, Abdullah Al Mamun (Bhorer Kagoj), Treasurer; Azizur Rahman (Deshbangla) Office Secretary; Saqibur Rahman (Janapathi) Library Secretary and Iftekhar Ahmed (Ittefaq) executive committee members.

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